



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 342

By Kyle, Ford

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Eliza Roberts, 2011 Salutatorian of Ridgeway High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Eliza Roberts is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Ridgeway High School (RHS); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Eliza has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Roberts has earned an exemplary 3.88 grade point average while dedicating her time and energies to numerous extracurricular organizations, including serving as a member and captain of the soccer team, member of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) basketball team, member of the National Honor Society, director of a theater production, and as a participant in her school's annual Shakespeare competition; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Eliza Roberts has served as a Jewish Community Center volunteer soccer coach, St. Jude Hospital Coin Drive coordinator, RHS's Life Blood Blood Drive coordinator, member of Facing History and Ourselves, member of Bridge Builders, coordinator of the BBYO Car Wash, volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, volunteer for Memphis Starts With ME Community Clean-Up Day, Make-A-Wish Foundation volunteer, Rachel's Kids volunteer, Memphis Jewish Federation fundraising volunteer, and as a Special Olympics volunteer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she has received numerous honors during her high school career, including the William H. Sweet Award, the Honors Biology Student of the Year Award, the IB History Student of the Year Award, the IB Theater Student of the Year Award, and the BBYO Most Likely to Succeed Chapter Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Roberts's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a college student, as she plans to attend the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Honors programs at the University of Maryland to pursue a double major in Business and Jewish Studies; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Joe and Jennifer Roberts; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Eliza Roberts's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2011 Ridgeway High School Salutatorian, Eliza Roberts, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

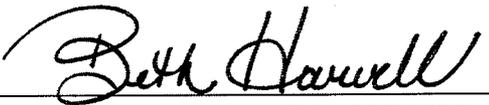
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 18, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR